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**Finding Aid for  
Worcester State University  
Anniversaries Collection**

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## COLLECTION OVERVIEW

<b>Call Number</b>	WSU.0006
<b>Repository</b>	Worcester State University Archives (Worcester, MA)
<b>Location</b>	Learning Resource Center, L-328A
<b>Title</b>	Worcester State University Anniversaries Collection
<b>Date Range</b>	1914-2013, bulk 1973-1999
<b>Extent</b>	1 linear foot (2 boxes)
<b>Creator</b>	Worcester State University; Anniversary Committees; staff and faculty of Worcester State.
<b>Language(s)</b>	English
<b>Abstract</b>	Published materials and meeting minutes detailing planning process and programming for university anniversary commemorations.

## ACCESS AND USE INFORMATION

<b>Physical access</b>	Materials are available for use only in the Archives Reading Room (L-328A). Users must handle materials with clean hands.
<b>Copyright and ownership</b>	Researchers are responsible to obtain appropriate permissions before republishing materials under copyright.
<b>Citation format</b>	[Box/folder] Worcester State University Anniversaries Collection. Archives and Special Collections, Worcester State University Library, Worcester State University.

## ACQUISITION AND PROCESSING INFORMATION

<b>Accession Number</b>	Acc.Pre.2015.0026/0028, ACC.2019.0021; ACC.2019.023
<b>Provenance</b>	Materials were deposited by person(s) unknown at some point before 2015. Additional materials were transferred from WSU departments and from alumni.
<b>Processing information</b>	Inventory completed by Alyssa Niford, archives student worker, and processed by Ross Griffiths, Archivist. Materials were placed into acid-free containers and arranged into series.
<b>Biographical and historical information</b>	Anniversary commemorations appear to have been observed from early in the University's history: course catalogs and commencement programs frequently include historical details or enumerate the graduating class according to the university's founding date. Larger, more formal programs were observed during the 50 <sup>th</sup> , 75 <sup>th</sup> , 100 <sup>th</sup> , and 125 <sup>th</sup> anniversaries.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT**

Published pamphlets and booklets in this collection detail the University's 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 100<sup>th</sup>, and 125<sup>th</sup> anniversaries. Also present are committee meeting minutes detailing event planning for the 100<sup>th</sup> (1974) and the 125<sup>th</sup> (1999) that include details about historical research such as references to historical documents housed in other repositories, and the WSU archives collection as it was in the 1990s. The 1974 committee meeting minutes are contained in a bound volume and include an array of documents detailing committee members, local and state officials involved in events, published materials, and other related items.

## **ARRANGEMENT**

The collection is arranged 5 series.

- Series I.            40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events, 1914**  
Contains one pamphlet detailing the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary events celebrated in 1914. These included musical performances, speeches, and a graduate's reunion.
- Series II.           50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events, 1924**  
Contains one pamphlet detailing the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary events celebrated in 1924. These included musical performances, speeches, and a graduate's reunion at Worcester's Hotel Bancroft.
- Series III.          100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events, 1973-1974**  
Contains published materials such as brochures and pamphlets detailing the University's history and anniversary events as well as committee meeting minutes and related materials such as correspondence, directories, and published articles.
- Series IV.          125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Events, 1998-2000**  
Contains published materials such as brochures and pamphlets detailing the University's history and anniversary events as well as committee meeting minutes and related materials such as correspondence, directories, and published articles.
- Series V.           Other Anniversaries and Related Events, 2003-2013**  
Contains materials related to the 75th and the 130th anniversaries, a master list of dates, and information about related exhibits.

#### **ACCESS POINTS**

Terms below correspond to Library of Congress subject headings.

**Organizations**     State Normal School at Worcester (Worcester, Mass)  
                             Worcester State Teachers College  
                             Worcester State College

**Places**              Worcester (Mass)

**General**  
                             Normal Schools

Teachers Colleges—Massachusetts—History  
Worcester (Mass)—History

**RELATED COLLECTIONS**

<b>Call number</b>	<b>Title</b>
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WSU.0001	Worcester State University Course Catalogs
WSU.0002	Worcester State University Yearbooks

## DESCRIPTIVE INVENTORY

### **SERIES I      40th Anniversary Events, 1914**

#### **Box/fldr**

1.1            40th Anniversary Program, 1914

### **SERIES II      50th Anniversary Events, 1924**

#### **Box/fldr**

1.2            50th Anniversary Program, 1924

### **SERIES III     100th Anniversary Events, 1973-1974**

#### **Box/Fldr**

1.3            100th Anniversary program, 1974  
1.4            Article, Worcester Telegram, 5/12/1974  
1.5            *A Biography of Worcester History*, 1973  
2.8            Centennial article, 1974  
1.8            Centennial Committee proceedings, 1974  
1.17          Centennial Convocation, 1974  
1.6            *A Century of Excellence*, 1974  
1.7            *The First 100 Years*, 1974

### **SERIES IV     125th Anniversary Events, 1998-2000**

#### **Box/fldr**

OSF.1        125th Anniversary certificate, 2000  
1.11          125th Anniversary Committee correspondence, 1998-1999  
1.12          125th Anniversary Committee, historical documents, photocopies  
1.13          125th Anniversary Committee, minutes, 1998-1999  
1.9            125th Anniversary events invitation, 1999  
2.3            125th Anniversary, Founders Day, 1999  
1.16          125th Anniversary greeting card, 1999  
1.10          125th Anniversary program, 1999  
2.4            125th Anniversary, Publicity, 1999  
OS.1          125h Anniversary, t-shirt, 1999  
1.15          *An Anniversary Album*, 2000  
1.14          *The First 100 Years*, 1974

### **SERIES V.     Other Anniversaries and Events, 2003-2013**

#### **Box/fldr**

2.2            75th Anniversary Pageant, 1949  
2.5            130th Anniversary, 2004  
2.6            130th Anniversary pin, 2004 [2]  
2.1            Anniversary dates list, 2013  
2.7            Exhibits 2003, 2005

